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SUBJECT: TWA TO LAJES

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1. PORTUGUESE CIVIL AUTHORITIES HAVE AUTHORIZED TWA TO OPERATE AT LAJES BEGINNING JULY 1. JUNE 6 LETTER TO TWA (TEXT IN PARA 5 BELOW) INDICATES DGCA'S WILLINGNESS TO APPROVE TWA SCHEDULE, BUT ONLY SUBJECT TO CONDITION THAT TWA FREQUENCY THROUGH LAJES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT EXCEED FREQUENCY THROUGH SANTA MARIA.

2. ALTHOUGH DGCA'S LETTER DOES NOT REFER EXPLICITLY TO FIFTH FREEDOM AND CARGO RIGHTS, THOSE RIGHTS APPEAR TO BE IMPLIED IN LETTER'S FOURTH PARA. EMBASSY AND LOCAL TWA REP ARE SO INTERPRETING THAT PARA.

3. TWA HAS FILED SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1-OCTOBER 28, 1978 WHICH INCLUDES ONE WEEKLY ROUND-TRIP SERVICE EACH THROUGH LAJES AND SANTA MARIA. WE UNDERSTAND DGCA APPROVAL IS IMMINENT.

4. COMMENT: PROVISIO THAT LAJES FREQUENCY NOT EXCEED THAT THROUGH SANTA MARIA THROWS COLD WATER ON TWA'S PLANS TO
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DROP SANTA MARIA SERVICE IN OCTOBER. CONDITION MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN IMPOSED HAD LOCAL TWA REP NOT NOTIFIED DGCA OF AIRLINE'S PLANS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AUTHORIZATION REQUEST. MEANWHILE, TWA PLANS TO PROCEED WITH LAJES SERVICE AND FACE ISSUE OF AZORES FREQUENCY CUTBACK AT LATER DATE.

5. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF DGCA LETTER TO

TWA LISBON:

BEGIN QUOTE: WE REFER TO YOUR LETTER DATED MAY 15, 1978
WHEREIN YOU REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FOR TWA TO OPERATE,
AS OF THE BEGINNING OF NEXT JULY, A REGULAR SERVICE FROM
THE UNITED STATES TO LISBON, VIA LAJES, AS AN ADDITION
TO ITS PRESENT SERVICE VIA SANTA MARIA.

THE DIRECTORATE GENERAL IS IN A POSITION TO APPROVE THE
SCHEDULE WHICH TWA WILL WISH TO SUBMIT FOR ITS OPERATION
VIA LAJES, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS OPERATION WILL
BE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS DEFINED IN THE MEMORANDUM THAT THE
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SENT TO THE U.S. EMBASSY IN
LISBON, DATED JUNE 6, 1977. (EMBASSY NOTE: SEE REF C).

IT IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FREQUENCY OF OPERATION
VIA LAJES WILL NEVER BE HIGHER THAN THE FREQUENCY OF OPERATION
VIA SANTA MARIA.

THE DGCA IS IN A POSITION TO INFORM YOU THAT THERE WILL
BE NO RESTRICTIONS REGARDING THE NATURE OF THE TRAFFIC TO
BE CARRIED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LAJES.

IN REGARD TO THE UTILIZATION BY TAP OF TWA CAPACITY
BETWEEN LAJES AND LISBON (CABOTAGE TRAFFIC), WE HAVE TAKEN
DUE NOTE OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BETWEEN THE TWO AIRLINES,
AS WELL AS THE CLARIFICATION CONTAINED ON THE SAME SUBJECT
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IN REFERENCED LETTER. THIS DIRECTORATE GENERAL HAS NO
OBJECTION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SAID AGREEMENT.

WITH OUR BEST COMPLIMENTS, SIGNED THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
ALBERTO BASTOS. END QUOTE.
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